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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Director of the U.S. Patent  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed May 24, 2001, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1 and 4 as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) A tamping machine for soil compaction, comprising: a working mass which is driven in a tamping manner and which can be driven linearly back and forth, via a crank mechanism and a spring assembly, by a motor belonging to an upper mass, wherein the crank mechanism has at least one structural element which is moveable linearly back and forth and which is produced from a material, the density of